

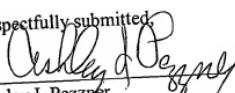
REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. The applicants have amended claims 6 and 9 as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the 35 USC §112 rejection. The applicants appreciate that the Examiner has acknowledged that claims 5, 7-8 and 10-16 are allowable. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09086-00195-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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